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## Division of Forestry Facts

The Division of Forestry manages 150,000 acres of forestland (~ 4% of the total forestland in Indiana) in 13 state forests and 3 state recreation areas, including a cave.

Properties are managed under the multiple use philosophy, which incorporates wildlife, recreation, timber harvesting, watershed protection and other uses. This integrated approach provides extensive benefits while allowing the forest to remain a renewable and sustainable resource.

Approximately 22.5 million trees comprise the canopy of Indiana's 13 state forests.

Recreational opportunities on Division of Forestry properties include: camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, horse trails, and beaches. (Facilities vary by location.)

Eighteen District Foresters assist private landowners with land management plans.

Approximately 400,000 acres of private forestland is enrolled in the Division of Forestry's Classified Forest Program, a forest conservation program.

The Division of Forestry's two tree seedling nurseries sell approximately 6 million seedlings each year.

The Division of Forestry employs approximately 150 full-time employees and over 225 intermittent positions located in Indianapolis and 30 field stations.

The Division of Forestry's 1999-2001 FY operating budget was: \$17,742,996 (78% dedicated funds, 5% federal and 17% general funds).

Last year, the Division of Forestry harvested ~17,500 trees on state forestlands, less than 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent of all the trees in state forests. Removing a very small, selected number of trees promotes good forest health, new tree growth and a variety of habitats that increases wildlife diversity. Fifteen percent of the revenue from timber sales on state forests was distributed back to the county in which the harvest occurred.

The Division of Forestry's Tree Improvement Program is working to create genetically strong seedlings with disease resistance and improved growth characteristics.

The Federal Excess Personal Property Program, managed in Indiana by the Division of Forestry's Fire Management Section, provides approximately \$750,000 worth of fire fighting equipment to local fire departments each year.

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### Indiana's Forests

Forestland in Indiana has increased from a low of less than 1.5 million acres in the early 1900s to over 4.5 million acres today (approximately 20 % of the state's land base).

Over 87% of Indiana forestlands is privately owned by 150,000 different landowners.

196,000 acres of forest in Indiana are held in national forests.

191,000 forest acres are owned by other public agencies including military bases, fish and wildlife areas, local governments and state parks.

Approximately 52 percent of Indiana's forests are less than 50 years old.

Seventy percent of all wildlife species living in Indiana habitat found in young forests.

Almost 2 billion trees, not including seedlings and saplings, are growing in Indiana's forests. That's 340 trees for each citizen in the state.

Indiana is growing two and one-half times more timber than is being harvested.

### Forest Products Industry

The Indiana forest products industry:

- is the 5th largest manufacturing industry in the state

- employs over 59,000 people.

- contributes \$2.5 billion annually to the state's economy.

- plays an important role in rural communities as most are small, family-owned businesses.

Statistics:

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